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Washington, D.C. 20230

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

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Alex Kotch
411A Highland Avenue
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Re: FOIA Request DOC-NOAA-2017-001966

Dear Mr. Kotch,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was received by our office on October 11, 2017. You requested all correspondence to the National Weather Service from January 1, 2015 through the present from these selected Texas Governors and members of Congress (listed below) and their staff members: Texas Governor Greg Abbott and former Texas Governor Rick Perry, Senator John Cornyn, Senator Ted Cruz, Representative Louie Gohmert, Representative Ted Poe, Representative Sam Johnson, Representative John Ratcliffe, Representative Jeb Hensarling, Representative Joe Barton, Representative John Culberson, Representative Kevin Brady, Representative Michael McCaul, Rep. Michael Conaway, Representative Kay Granger, Representative Mac Thornberry, Representative Randy Weber, Representative Bill Flores, Representative Jodey Arrington, Representative Lamar Smith, Representative Pete Olson, Representative Will Hurd, Representative Kenny Marchant, Representative Roger Williams, Representative Michael Burgess, Representative Blake Farenthold, Representative John Carter, Representative Pete Sessions, Representative Brian Babin and former Representative Randy Neugebauer. For email correspondence, this refers to all communications sent to any noaa.gov or any other email addresses affiliated with the National Weather Service.

After searching our files we were unable to locate any records that are responsive to your request.

Although no records were located during our search, you have the right to appeal a "no document found" response. All appeals should include a statement of the reasons why you believe the FOIA response was not satisfactory. An appeal based on documents in this release must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this response letter at the following address:

Assistant General Counsel for Litigation, Employment, and Oversight
U.S. Department of Commerce
Office of General Counsel
Room 5875
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

An appeal may also be sent by e-mail to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov or by FOIAonline at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home#>.

For your appeal to be complete, it must include the following items:

- a copy of the original request,
- our response to your request,
- a statement explaining why the withheld records should be made available, and why the denial of the records was in error.
- "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" must appear on your appeal letter. It should also be written on your envelope, e-mail subject line, or your fax cover sheet.

FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box, FOIAonline, or Office after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely.



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FOIA grants requesters the right to challenge an agency's final action in federal court. Before doing so, an adjudication of an administrative appeal is ordinarily required.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), an office created within the National Archives and Records Administration, offers free mediation services to FOIA requesters. They may be contacted in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 2510
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov

Phone: 301-837-1996
Fax: 301-837-0348
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have questions regarding this correspondence please contact Velna Bullock by phone at (202) 482-5833, or the NOAA FOIA Public Liaison Robert Swisher at (301) 628-5755. Please refer to your FOIA request tracking number when contacting us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Velna Bullock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Velna Bullock